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My dear Friend. R. D. Webb has favored me with (Mary Carpenter)
a perusal of thy last interesting letter to him. -
We sympathize very much with thee & the
late Bazaar Comtee in the unpleasant circumstances
& feel more sad and respecting them than about
any outside attack, while only proud we draw
together - a dividing Spirit is the worst enemy
we could have, & as you have so nobly
smiled it & given way, rather than oppose,
where no principle was involved, I hope you
will be enabled still further to work together
in the new plan, & forgive the want of
that consideration which was only your due
& which has caused you the "mental & spiritual
trials" - I do not think Mrs C. had the least
intention of hurting her co-workers, much
to the cause, but she saw so clearly that a
change was called for, she might be wrong,
but D her mind it was so clear, that
there was no other course than D follow
out her views & the more quickly the
better; - She never can see the difficulties
of others, she looks for a head, aims at a
point & flies D it, leaving those attached
to her D follow or struggle as they can; -
all our old plans have been discomfited
by the sudden change & we are a little at a
loss how D meet it, or how we shall succeed
in the new way of aiding you - but we shall
do our best & hope that the new plan is
the right one - One thing I think you will be
saved, in a great deal of toil in the severe
winter season - I know you never thought
of it or estimated it in consideration of the
cause - but we shall be thankful if it
can be saved you - as you have so many
other demands upon you. I am sure
the Anniversaries must cause you a

great amount of labour, but I do believe
it is well invested, if the good on your side
in proportion to the expenditure we have
in reading the reports, you will have
some reward.— We so enjoy hearing
your voices - Garrison's is always clear,
there is no question about it, he sees
the principle & holds by it & enunciates
it. Let who will go to the side of ex-
-pediency. - Your resolutions on the
Liquor have met with a good deal of
attention & comment here - The "British
Standard" edited we believe by our old
enemy Dr. Campbell - had a furious attack
on them - One of our good Hotel Keep-
-ers could stand it no longer. Wrote
the letter, while you would find in
a copy of the paper sent by last mail, here
more might not have been said, but editors
will not put in very long letters. — We rejoiced
in Dr. Channing's famous speech & in his
conduct in the Temperance Association - the pledge
will go on - but might be a Garrisonian,
why is he not? Will thou give our
united kindest remembrances to W. L.
Garrison, Parker Pillsbury, James N. Buffum
& any others of our friends whom may be
near - our love to Mrs Follen Mrs Chapman -
Anne W. Weston is in London & I fear we
shall not see her as she has not time to visit
anywhere. - I was writing to Dr. Bayle, would
thou kindly post the letter for her, & if thou
care, will thou read about Mr. A Estlin in her
letter, as I have not time to say anything
about her now; - she has passed through
a great deal of persecution from her

body during the last two weeks.—
her sad riddance is near not—
Armstrong's volubile is one comfort.
& the pure air is a great boon.—

I forgot D thank thee for thy
second last letter D R. D. Webb
with which he favored us. it readily
comforted us by its noble tone &
spirit & we rejoiced in it greatly
& in our Boston friends from
whom it emanated.—

With kind regards from my
mother. I remain
Thine affectionately
E. Wilkinson

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